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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Sacramento – Hackers Reportedly Stole Senator’s Campaign Money**

(U) Senator Richard Pan, D-Sacramento, is alleging that thieves hacked his email account and stole \$46,000 from his re-election campaign in a "sophisticated" scheme earlier this year. Pan said the FBI and California Highway Patrol are investigating the campaign theft, which was also reported to the California Fair Political Practices Commission. It's unclear how the unknown suspects were able to break into his email account in mid-February. Pan said he is the only person with permitted access to the account. The hackers appeared to study the campaign's email pattern of approving payments, pretended to be him and sent a fake invoice to his treasurer requesting \$46,000 to a vaccine-related nonprofit organization in mid-February.

SOURCE: 26 April 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

**(U) Modesto – Doctor Charged With Selling Opioid Prescriptions for Cash**

(U) A Modesto doctor is charged with selling opioid prescriptions for cash and faces 20 years in federal prison. Dr. Sawtantra Kumar Chopra, 71, a pulmonary and sleep medicine specialist, was arrested Thursday morning at his home in Modesto. He faces a 23-count indictment in the case. He allegedly prescribed opioid to "multiple patients outside of the usual course of professional practice" and without a legitimate medical purpose. Between March 2017 and March 2018, four undercover agents purchased opioid prescriptions for hydrocodone, Xanax and Promethazine mixed with codeine syrup. The pain relievers are highly addictive and can lead to overdose death. Investigators are still working to establish the scope of Chopra's opioid prescribing practices.

SOURCE: 26 April 2018, [Sacramento Bee](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Mexico – Migrant ‘Caravan’ Gathers on California-Mexico Border**

(U) Tijuana – About 170 migrants in a caravan of Central American asylum-seekers have arrived in Tijuana, joining about nearly 200 others on their final stop before entering the United States. Three tourist buses were guarded by a Mexican police escort on a curvy, mountainous road from the Mexican border city of Mexicali. Lawyers planned free workshops on the U.S. immigration system on Friday and Saturday in Tijuana. Many planned to seek asylum starting Sunday at San Diego’s San Ysidro border crossing, the nation’s busiest. Caravans have been a fairly common tactic for advocacy groups to bring attention to asylum-seekers and the latest group pales in size compared to previous border surges, but gained visibility after the Trump Administration brought attention to the caravan when it began on 25 March in the Mexican city of Tapachula, near the Guatemala border.

SOURCE: 27 April 2018, [Mercury News](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Wisconsin – City Lifts Evacuation Order after Refinery Explosion**

(U) Superior – Tens of thousands of residents of a northern Wisconsin city were cleared to return to

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their homes on Friday, the day after a blast at a Husky Energy Inc. refinery injured at least 15 people, a local official said. Investigators searched for the cause of the massive Thursday morning explosion at the refinery, capable of processing up to 38,000 barrels of oil a day, which shook the city of Superior, Wisconsin, home to about 27,000 people. At least 15 people were injured, local media reported, and at least 10 people - one seriously injured - were taken to area hospitals. It is not immediately clear what ignited the blast. After an initial blaze was extinguished, a storage tank was punctured, and a second fire erupted.

SOURCE: 26 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) China – Seven Students Killed in Attack after School**

(U) Mizhi – An assailant killed seven Chinese middle school students who were on their way home from classes on Friday, and the suspected attacker has been caught. The attack happened in Mizhi county in the northwestern province of Shaanxi. Violent crime is rare in China compared with many other countries, especially in major cities where security is tight, but there has been a series of knife and axe attacks in recent years, many targeting children.

SOURCE: 27 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Nigeria – Boko Haram Attacks City, Killing at Least Four People**

(U) Maiduguri – At least four people were killed in an attack by Boko Haram militants in northeastern Nigeria late on Thursday, the national emergency agency said, the second such clash in Maiduguri city in a month. Five suicide bombers were also killed in the attack, which Nigeria's military said had been repelled by troops. Blasts and gunfire were heard by residents in the city which is the capital of Borno, the state worst hit by an insurgency which has killed more than 34,000 people since 2009.

SOURCE: 26 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) South Korea – Korean Leaders Aim for End of War, 'Complete Denuclearization'**

(U) Seoul – The leaders of North and South Korea embraced on Friday after pledging to work for the "complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula", on a day of smiles and handshakes at the first inter-Korean summit in more than a decade. The two Koreas announced they would work with the United States and China this year to declare an official end to the 1950s Korean War and seek an agreement on "permanent" and "solid" peace. The declaration included promises to pursue phased arms reduction, cease hostile acts, transform their fortified border into a peace zone and seek multilateral talks with other countries including the United States.

SOURCE: 27 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Turkey – Authorities Detain Four Senior ISIS Militants**

(U) Izmir – Turkey's state-run news agency says Turkish authorities have detained four suspected senior ISIS extremists in an operation in the Aegean coastal city of Izmir. The suspects include the group's so-called "emir," or ruler, of Deir el-Zour, a major city in eastern Syria, and its environs. It described the other three suspects as senior operatives within the extremist group. The suspects were hiding among a group of Syrian refugees planning to cross into Europe, the newspaper reported.

SOURCE: 27 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

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